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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 April 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 5 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 4, 7 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CDC)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
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DETAILED ACTION

1. It is hereby acknowledged that the following papers have been received and placed of record in the file: Amendment (dated 04/06/09).
2. Claims 9-17 have been canceled. Claims 1-8 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Alvarez, U.S. Patent No. 6,463,543 (cited in previous office action).
5. As per claim 1, Alvarez teaches a switch (88) for applying operating power from a peripheral device power source (20) to a peripheral device (12) [col. 4, lines 1-13], the peripheral device being configured for communication with at least one other electronic device (10) by a data bus (14), the switch including a circuit for sensing communication on said data bus and providing an indication of sensed communication to said peripheral device power source to apply power to said peripheral device in response to said sensed communication [col. 2, lines 40-42], said communication sensing circuit

comprising a transformer having a first winding (32) coupled to a bus (14) [col. 1, lines 46-49] and a second winding (24) coupled to a first switching transistor (88) [Figs. 2-3; col. 1, lines 49-51; col. 3, lines 43-45]. In other words, Alvarez teaches a system that uses an isolate transformer coupled directly to the bus to sense/detect the existence of data on the bus. If no data on the bus is detected, the peripheral device is placed in sleep mode and consumed no power whatsoever. Upon data is detected on the bus, a switch is closed to supply power to the peripheral device.

6. As per claim 2, Alvarez teaches that the first switching transistor is brought from a non-conducting state to a conducting state in the presence of activity on the bus [col. 4, lines 3-8].

7. As per claim 5, Alvarez teaches that the power supply includes a latching circuit responsive to initial activation of said power supply for providing a voltage signal to the power supply sufficient to maintain the power supply in an active state independent of the bus activity [col. 4, lines 16-26].

8. As per claim 6, Alvarez teaches a control input coupled to said power supply for receiving a control signal to cause said power supply to become inactive when there is no activity on the bus [col. 4, lines 16-26].

Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed 04/04/2009, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-8 under 103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Alvarez.

Conclusion

11. Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the Applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. In preparing responses, it is respectfully requested that the Applicant fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner. Also, any prior art made of record and not relied upon is also considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuan Du whose telephone number is (571) 272-3673. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Lee can be reached at (571) 272-3667.

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